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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert Terkeltaub et al.  
Application No. : 09/661,848  
Filed : September 14, 2000  
For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND  
TREATING ARTHRITIC DISORDERS AND REGULATING  
BONE MASS

Examiner : Konstantina T. Katcheves  
Art Unit : 1636  
Docket No. : 660088.441  
Date : October 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on October 22, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.